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This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on October 10, 2001. Applicants note that although Box 2A on PTO-326 was not checked, page 5 of the Office Action indicates the Action is final. Submitted herewith is a petition for a three month extension of time and appropriate fee, making a response due on or before April 10, 2002. Accordingly, since this response is timely filed.

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I. AMENDMENTS

- 1. (Twice Amended) A method for generating an immune response against one or more intracellular pathogens within warm-blooded animals, comprising:
- (a) administering to a warm-blooded animal a gene delivery vehicle comprising a polynucleotide encoding at least one immunogenic portion of an antigen obtained from an intracellular pathogen; and
- (b) administering to said warm-blooded animal at least one protein which comprises at least one of said immunogenic portion of said antigen, such that an immune response against the intracellular pathogen is generated.
- 5. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein said viral antigen is obtained from a virus selected from the group consisting of hepatitis, feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- 25. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the gene delivery vehicle comprises naked DNA.

Attached hereto is a page titled "Version with markings to show changes made to claims" as well as a currently pending claim set.